

person to whom I have applied, was the following: — 'The Whigs have opposed me, not I them, and they shall repent it. I am in no wise ashamed of this observation and I adhere to it.

The defiant note in the hour of defeat was highly characteristic ; but the speech very nearly involved him in a duel. As he flung his gibes and sarcasms right and left he pointed to Lord Nugent¹ and retorting to the charge that he himself was a Tory in disguise declared that the nearest thing to a Tory in disguise was a Whig in office. Lord Nugent construed these words as a personal affront and sent a challenge; but when the seconds met they agreed that the affair was absurd and arranged for such an interchange of explanations as averted a meeting.²

To Sarali Disraeli.

[LONDON,]

July 5.

Giovanni⁸ called on me (announced by the servant as *Don Giovanni*). He has left Clay and brought me a lock of Byron's hair from Venice, which he cut himself off the corpse at Missolonghi. I have been very idle, the natural consequence of former exertion, but shall soon buckle to among our beeches.

Aug. 4.

Town is fast emptying. I have been lately at the House of Commons, and one night had a long conversation with my late antagonist and present representative. We are more than friendly.

Aug.

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On Friday I shall pitch my tent in the green retreats of Bradenham, and Bulwer accompanies me. He wants absolute retirement, really, to write, and all that. He is to do what he likes, and wander about the woods like a madman. I

¹ Younger brother of the first Duke of Buckingham and author of those *Memorials of Hampden* which gave occasion for one of Macaulay's Essays.

² Lord Ebrington acted as Lord Nugent's second and Captain Angerstein of the Grenadier Guards as Disraeli's. A notice containing the explanations agreed upon and signed by them is to be seen in the *Bucks Gazette* for July 7, 1832.

⁸ See above, p. 157.